

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 17, 2005.

In this response, claims 13-20 were canceled, and claims 21-28 were added. As a result, claims 1-12 and 21-28 are now pending in this application.

Election/Restriction Response

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2005, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I which includes claims 1-12. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 13-20 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the non-elected claims in a divisional application at a later date.

New Claims

Claims 21-28 are new. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the new claims for examination.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9592 to facilitate the prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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